

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) A structure for mounting an electrical fixture comprising a plastic mounting block having a peripheral nailing flange, four side walls extending from said peripheral flange and a front wall having a peripheral edge and a first opening adapted to provide a wire connection between an electrical fixture and wiring within a ~~house~~ building;

a plate covering said front wall of said mounting block said plate extending beyond the peripheral edge of said front wall and having a second opening aligned with said first opening in said front wall.

2. (Original) The structure claimed in claim 1 wherein said plate and said block are formed from different materials.

3. (Original) The structure claimed in claim 2 wherein said block is formed from a white plastic and said plate is formed from a non white plastic.

4. (Original) The structure claimed in claim 3 wherein said block is formed from a fire resistant material.

5. (Original) The structure claims in claim 2 wherein said plate is metal.

6. (Original) The structure claimed in claim 1 wherein said plate is nonrectangular.

7. (Original) The structure claimed in claim 1 further comprising a mechanism to center said second opening with said first opening.

8. (Original) A mounting block for the exterior of a building having mounting surfaces:

an opening through said mounting surfaces having a first and second set of opposite sides;

a first pair of screw holes on said first set of opposite sides of said opening and having a distance between each other of said holes said first pair of screws aligned along a central axis of said block;

a second pair of screw holes on said second set of opposite sides of said opening said second pair of holes having a second distance between each other of said holes said second set of holes positioned diagonally from each other;

wherein said first distance is different than said second distance and said pairs of screw holes are designed to permit mounting of different electrical structures.

9. (Original) The mounting block claimed in claim 8 wherein said opening is a non square rectangle.

10. (Currently Amended) The mounting block claimed in claim 8 wherein said first set of holes are  $3.25" \pm .25$  inch apart and said second set of holes are  $3.5" \pm .25$  ~~apart~~ .25" apart.

11. (Currently Amended) The mounting block claimed in claim 8 wherein said ~~first~~  
second set of holes each has a ~~smaller~~ larger diameter than a diameter of each of said  
~~second~~ first set of holes.